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REMARKS

Claims 1-45 were in the application as filed. The Examiner has required restriction between allegedly patentably distinct species of the invention, and Applicant provisionally elects with traverse the Examiner's Group II. The Examiner has identified the following allegedly patentably distinct species:

- Group I – Dishwasher with a rack having an exterior coating of an electrocoated layer, a polymer layer and a primer layer
- Group II - Dishwasher with a rack having an exterior coating of an electrocoated layer and a polymer layer, but no primer layer
- Group III - Dishwasher with a rack having an exterior coating of an electrocoated layer, a polymer layer, and a non-water-based primer layer
- Group IV - Dishwasher with a rack having an exterior coating of an electrocoated layer, a polymer layer, and a water-based primer layer
- Group V - Dishwasher with a rack having an exterior coating of an electrocoated layer, a thermoplastic polymer layer, and a primer layer
- Group VI - Dishwasher with a rack having an exterior coating of an electrocoated layer, a thermoplastic polymer layer, a primer layer and a corrosion resistant layer
- Group VII - Dishwasher with a rack having an exterior coating of an electrocoated layer, a thermoplastic polymer layer, but no primer or corrosion resistant layers
- Group VIII - Dishwasher with a rack having an exterior coating of a non-metallic electrocoated layer, a polymer layer, and a primer layer

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- Group IX - Dishwasher with a rack having an exterior coating of a non-metallic electrocoated layer and a polymer layer
- Group X - Dishwasher with a rack having an exterior coating of an electrocoated paint layer, a polymer layer, and a primer layer
- Group XI - Dishwasher with a rack having an exterior coating of an electrocoated paint layer, a thermoplastic polymer layer, and a primer layer
- Group XII - Dishwasher with a rack having an exterior coating of an electrocoated paint layer, a thermoplastic polymer layer, a primer layer and a corrosion-resistant later
- Group XIII - Dishwasher with a rack having an exterior coating of an electrocoated paint layer, a polymer layer, and a primer layer.

The Examiner asserts that claims 1, 9-12, and 29 are generic.

Restriction Requirement

Based upon the Examiner's identification of the above Groups, the Examiner has apparently drawn no distinction for purposes of the species restriction between the dish rack for an automated dishwasher of claims 1-28 and the automated dishwasher comprising a dish rack of claims 29-45. Applicants confirm a provisional election of the Examiner's allegedly patentably distinct Group II, and provisionally elect claims 1-12 and 29, which are readable on the Examiner's Group II.

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CONCLUSION

If there are any outstanding issues which the Examiner feels may be resolved by way of telephone conference, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned to resolve these issues. Early notification of allowability is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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